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1. IN THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION WITH EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WELLENSTEIN JANUARY 22 MISSION OFFICERS GAVE HIM A BRIEF RUN-DOWN ON THE FIRST EXCHANGE BY EMBASSY BUDLIN WITH THE IRISH FOREIGN OFFICE IN THE CONTEXT OF US-EC CONSULTATIONS. WELLENSTEIN WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE JANUARY 23-24 EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN DUBLIN AND SEVERAL OF THE SUBJECTS ARE OF DIRECT OPERATIONAL INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION. (E.G. SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN MTN AND EC-IRAN).

2. WE PLACE SOME EMPHASIS ON SUBJECT OF PORTUGAL. WELLESTEIN OBSERVED THAT THE EC WAS PLEASED THAT THE US HAS TAKEN AN ACTIVE APPROACH VIS-A-VIS PORTUGAL, AS THE EC SHARES THE VIEW THAT THE CONSTRUCTIVE ELEMENTS IN PORTUGAL NEED ENCOURAGEMENT AND DESERVE ANY VISIBLE EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT. THE EC, HE ADDED, IS CONTINUING TO STRESS ITS READINESS TO ASSIST PORTUGAL IN ANY WAY IT CAN, AND THEREFORE US APPROACHES TO THE EC FALL ON "FERTILE GROUND." ON
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CYPRUS, WELLENSTEIN REMARKED THAT THE EC HAS ATTEMPTED TO BE

HELPFUL WITH REGARD TO RELIEF NEEDS AND NOTED THAT THE SUBJECT OF
CYPRUS HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE AGENDA OF THE JANUARY 23-24 EC POLITICAL
DIRECTORS MEETING, PROBABLY AS A RESULT OF OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH
THE IRISH. GREENWALD

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